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SUMMARY

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Reports to the U. S. Department of Agriculture on certain specified commodities in cold storage warehouses and meat packing plants as of August 1, 1942 indicate that increases occurred during July 1942 for frozen preserved fruits and vegetables, creamery butter, cheese, frozen eggs, and frozen and cured beef. On the other hand, stocks of cream, frozen poultry, frozen and cured pork, trimmings and lard showed significant reductions. The important changes were in cheese and frozen egg holdings, which reached all time high levels of 295.7 million pounds and 290.5 million pounds respectively.

Shell egg stocks for the first time since 1934 showed a decline during July, with a net out-of-storage movement of 201,000 cases indicated. This was the first really significant reduction in holdings for the month of July.

The amount of freezer space occupied on August 1 was 75 percent and cooler space occupancy 63 percent. July 1, 1942 occupancy was 69 percent for freezers and 58 percent for coolers.

Stocks of frozen and cured beef were somewhat higher than those on hand a year earlier and the average. Conversely frozen and cured pork stocks were well below those of both a year ago and the 5-year average. Lard stocks too, were quite low.

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## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Stocks of all varieties of frozen fruits and berries reported in freezers on August 1, 1942 totaled 185.1 million pounds. This quantity is an increase of 55.7 million pounds, accumulated during July. Holdings on August 1 were below those of August 1, 1941 by 15.2 million pounds, but 34.7 millions above the 5-year 1937-41 average.

(See table on page 6 for August 1, 1942, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	August 1 5-yr. ave. 1937-1941	August 1 1941	July 1 1942	August 1 1942
<b>- Thousands -</b>				
<b>FRUITS, FROZEN</b>				
Blackberries.....pounds.....	5,344	2,361	2,957	
Blueberries....."	2,995	2,832	2,365	
Cherries....."	37,933	14,527	44,737	
Young and similar berries....."	4,919	2,502	6,028	
Raspberries....."	18,225	8,718	20,589	
Strawberries....."	62,104	56,609	53,846	
Other fruits....."	25,703	17,740	22,564	
Classification not reported...	43,045	24,045	31,991	
<b>TOTAL....."</b>	<b>150,339</b>	<b>200,268</b>	<b>129,334</b>	<b>185,077</b>
<b>VEGETABLES, FROZEN</b>				
Asparagus.....pounds.....	7,614	7,950	7,566	
Beans, lima....."	3,953	7,010	5,841	
Beans, snap....."	4,155	2,593	2,771	
Broccoli, green....."	785	1,383	1,155	
Corn, sweet....."	2,966	2,578	2,204	
Peas, green....."	41,827	27,404	46,892	
Spinach....."	2,947	6,888	5,674	
Other vegetables....."	2,669	4,872	4,523	
Classification not reported...	6,228	4,680	7,306	
<b>TOTAL....."</b>	<b>73,144</b>	<b>65,358</b>	<b>83,932</b>	

## FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN SMALL AND LARGE CONTAINERS

July 1 and August 1, 1942

Commodity	In small containers (Less than 30 lbs. capacity)		In bulk or large containers (30 lbs. or greater capacity)	
	July 1	August 1	July 1	August 1
<b>- Thousand pounds -</b>				
Blackberries.....	115	144	2,246	2,813
Blueberries.....	553	527	2,279	1,838
Cherries.....	1,200	2,379	13,327	42,358
Logan and similar berries...	966	2,132	1,536	3,896
Raspberries.....	753	1,385	7,965	19,204
Strawberries.....	11,395	12,319	45,214	41,527
Other Fruits.....	2,852	3,795	14,888	18,769
Classification not reported,	3,486	929	20,559	31,062
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>21,320</b>	<b>23,610</b>	<b>108,014</b>	<b>161,467</b>

## DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Creamery butter stocks totaling 148.6 million pounds on August 1, 1942 were 29.9 millions below those of a year earlier and 4.2 million pounds below the 5-year 1937-41 average. The net increase during July was 31.5 million pounds compared with 58.2 million during July a year ago and the 5-year average into-storage movement of 45.4 million pounds. Included in the total are 3.1 million pounds owned by the Dairy Products Marketing Association and the 3.7 million pounds by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. Stocks of all varieties of cheese reached an all time high of 295.7 million pounds. This quantity is 127.3 million pounds above August 1, 1941 holdings and 159.9 million pounds above average. F. S. C. C. owns of the above amount 73.7 million pounds of American Cheddar. Shell egg holdings were reduced during July for the first time for a number of years. Usually the seasonal peak of shell egg stocks is August 1. Stocks of shell and frozen eggs on August 1, 1942 were 7,734,000 cases and 290,505,000 pounds respectively. The total case-equivalent is 15,481,000. This quantity is 3.6 million cases above the August 1, 1941 holdings and 3.9 million cases above average. F. S. C. C. stocks were 28,000 cases of shell and 4.9 million pounds of frozen.

Reports from egg driers, which are not entirely complete indicate that there are included in total egg stocks reported, 2,890,000 cases of shell and 111,670,000 pounds of frozen eggs ear-marked for future drying against commitments on dried egg contracts for delivery to the F. S. C. C. The commitments are listed in the box below.

Frozen poultry holdings totaled 79.2 million pounds. The quantity is 2 million pounds below those of a year ago, but 8.9 million above average.

## Commitments of Dried Eggs for Future Delivery converted to Case Equivalent basis

September.....	1,395,000	November.....	1,859,000
October.....	1,519,000	December.....	862,000

(See table on page 7 for August 1, 1942, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	August 1			
	5-yr. aver. 1937-1941	August 1 1941	July 1 1942	August 1 1942
<b>CREAM</b>				
Forty percent.....	40-qt. cans 297	388	344	298
Twenty percent.....	" " 10	" 9	" 6	" 5
<b>BUTTER</b>				
Creamery, total.....	pounds..... 152,885	178,493	117,111	148,637
DPMA holdings.....	" " -	624	2,863	3,091
SMA and FSCC holdings.....	" " -	807	2,719	3,687
Commercial stocks.....	" " 142,147	177,052	111,529	141,859
Packing stock.....	" " 323	33	40	74
<b>CHEESE</b>				
American.....	pounds..... 114,020	139,568	226,478	260,187
SMA and FSCC holdings.....	" " -	4,430	63,549	73,739
Commercial stocks.....	" " 113,124	135,138	164,922	186,448
Swiss including block.....	" " 4,542	5,080	4,578	5,762
Brick and Munster.....	" " 1,333	989	1,574	1,093
Limburger.....	" " 1,262	931	1,008	1,148
All other varieties.....	" " 14,587	21,852	26,297	27,572
TOTAL CHEESE.....	" " 135,744	168,420	261,935	295,572
<b>EGGS</b>				
Shell, total.....	cases..... 7,316	6,641	7,935	7,734
SMA and FSCC holdings.....	" " -	239	11	28
Commercial stocks.....	" " 7,054	6,402	7,224	7,706
Frozen, total.....	pounds..... 159,322	195,187	278,499	290,505
SMA and FSCC holdings.....	" " -	1,770	4,941	4,941
Commercial stocks.....	" " 158,986	193,417	273,558	285,564
Frozen 1/.....	equivalent cases..... 4,219	5,205	7,427	7,747
TOTAL EGGS 2/.....	" " 11,565	11,846	15,362	15,481
<b>FROZEN POULTRY</b>				
Broilers.....	pounds..... 6,922	6,874	3,582	5,502
Fryers.....	" " 2,501	3,650	2,119	3,264
Roasters.....	" " 6,100	9,361	5,089	4,934
Fowls.....	" " 13,815	14,661	18,082	20,906
Turkeys.....	" " 17,906	19,750	28,249	18,908
Ducks.....	" " 8,731	9,760	4,574	7,219
Miscellaneous poultry.....	" " 14,262	11,958	13,118	13,233
Unclassified poultry.....	" " -	5,192	4,387	5,199
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY.....	" " 70,244	81,206	79,200	79,165

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 37.5 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 83 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of August 1, 1942 were classified as follows: Whites - 19 percent; Yolks - 14 percent; and mixed - 67 percent.

## MEATS AND LARD

Total stocks of all frozen and cured meats on hand on August 1, 1942 were 629.3 million pounds. This quantity is 132 million pounds less than that on hand on August 1, 1941 but 19.7 million pounds above the August 1, 1937-41 5-year average. Stocks of frozen and cured beef totaled 81.8 million pounds, or 16 million pounds above those of a year earlier and 36.1 million pounds above average.

Pork stocks were significantly low for this period. The 432.6 million pounds reported on hand on August 1, 1942 was 186.3 million pounds below a year ago and 61.1 millions below average. The decline of 186.3 million pounds in pork holdings from a year ago is largely attributable to frozen pork which accounted for approximately 70 percent.

Lamb and mutton holdings were considerably higher than both a year ago and the average. Total stocks were 5.5 million pounds on August 1, 1942. Lard stocks including rendered pork fat totaling 99.1 million pounds were the lowest for this date since 1935, when there were 68.4 million pounds on hand.

F. S. C. C. holdings included in the total figures aggregated 36.4 million pounds of frozen and cured pork cuts and 22 million pounds of lard. It was reported that the above mentioned agency's holdings of frozen boneless beef had been withdrawn during July.

(See table on page 7 for August 1, 1942 holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	August 1 5-yr. aver. 1937-1941	August 1 1941	July 1 1942	August 1 1942
<b>- Thousand pounds -</b>				
BEEF				
Frozen.....	32,925	52,525	64,369	65,979
In process of cure.....	8,403	9,410	12,858	11,188
Cured.....	4,384	3,773	4,329	4,683
TOTAL BEEF.....	45,712	65,708	81,556	81,850
PORK				
Frozen.....	174,655	258,353	188,251	129,777
Dry salt in process of cure.....	50,786	61,767	66,296	58,234
Dry salt cured.....	40,486	51,032	56,030	61,689
Pickled in process of cure.....	137,177	151,201	139,344	115,636
Pickled cured.....	90,610	96,513	72,252	67,230
TOTAL PORK.....	493,714	618,866	522,173	432,566
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen.....	2,452	3,211	5,313	5,514
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured.....	67,728	73,499	112,077	109,332
TOTAL MEATS.....	609,606	761,284	721,119	629,262
LARD.....	212,788	332,863	93,682	88,689
RENDERED PORK FAT.....	2/	7,417	8,578	10,458

1/ F. S. C. C. reported holdings of 36,409,000 pounds of frozen and cured pork and 21,987,000 pounds of lard.

2/ Previously included with lard.

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## DAIRY AND POULTRY HOLDINGS BY STATES.

STATE	Cream (40-qt cans)	Butter lbs.	American Cheese lbs.	Shell Eggs cases	Frozen Eggs lbs.	Total Poultry lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....	12	5,386	5,977	122	4,448	4,422
Other States.....		1,127	631	26	2,357	517
NEW ENGLAND.....		6,513	6,608	148	6,805	4,939
New York.....	180	12,933	35,474	516	13,084	11,548
New Jersey.....	2	14,727	14,708	310	11,519	5,207
Pennsylvania.....	12	7,744	10,304	243	8,514	2,822
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....		35,404	60,486	1,069	33,117	19,577
Ohio.....	15	8,106	12,084	396	14,100	3,527
Indiana.....		1,189	2,277	74	3,972	613
Illinois.....	14	46,110	39,303	2,089	42,340	17,609
Michigan.....	2	3,122	8,441	334	3,842	2,112
Wisconsin.....	18	2,138	82,181	101	3,355	680
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....		60,665	144,286	2,994	67,609	24,541
Minnesota.....	28	13,210	733	303	19,187	1,202
Iowa.....	2	3,976	93	163	22,909	934
Missouri.....	4	4,429	12,694	522	44,082	4,070
Nebraska.....		4,224	1,269	225	22,323	4,229
Kansas.....	5	1,683	490	378	19,202	916
Dakotas.....		762			2,789	2
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....		28,284	15,279	1,591	130,492	11,353
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....		1,138	11,978	196	3,331	2,328
Kentucky.....		309	278	72	1,045	3,207
Tennessee.....		176	2,055	179	2,682	537
Alabama & Mississippi.....		426	752	42	272	168
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		911	3,085	293	3,999	3,912
Oklahoma.....		1,199	329	266	8,368	63
Texas.....		1,585	3,104	279	21,860	774
Arkansas and Louisiana.....		910	659	20	2,451	759
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		3,494	4,092	565	32,679	1,596
Colorado.....		879	618	79	1,241	246
Other States.....		569	1,749	115	1,485	213
MOUNTAIN.....		1,448	2,367	194	2,726	459
Washington.....		3,051	779	212	1,721	2,134
Oregon.....		1,126	2,910	48	1,223	1,726
California.....		6,603	8,317	424	6,798	6,600
PACIFIC.....		10,780	12,006	684	9,747	10,460
Other States..... (combined for cream only)...	6					
UNITED STATES.....	300	148,637	260,187	7,734	290,505	79,165

## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, AUGUST 1, 1942, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
<u>FRUITS, FRESH</u>										
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## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, AUGUST 1, 1942, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS (CONT)

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
<u><b>DAIRY PRODUCTS 1/</b></u>										
Cream, Forty percent.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	298
Cream, Twenty percent.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5
Butter, packing stock.....	6,513	35,404	60,665	28,284	1,138	911	3,494	1,448	10,780	148,637
Cheese, American.....	6,608	60,486	144,286	15,279	11,978	3,085	4,092	2,367	12,006	260,187
Cheese, Swiss including block.....	"	839	4,264	76	78	1	31	295	178	5,762
Cheese, Brick and Munster.....	"	"	741	51	2	4	13	119	2	1,003
Cheese, Lhamburger.....	"	"	924	10	1	1	1	1	1	1,148
Cheese, all other varieties.....	"	"	211	1	1	1	1	1	1	27,572
Eggs, shell.....	638	14,423	3,519	3,120	339	2,999	565	672	835	7,734
Eggs, frozen.....	148	1,069	2,994	1,591	196	293	194	209	684	290,505
	6,805	33,117	67,609	130,492	3,331	3,999	32,679	2,726	9,747	
<u><b>FROZEN POULTRY</b></u>										
Broilers.....	297	1,347	1,479	1,512	155	166	12	51	483	5,502
Fryers.....	71	1,469	1,153	1,098	182	48	7	28	218	3,264
Roasters.....	416	1,552	1,974	479	165	17	8	2	321	4,934
Fowls.....	1,358	4,104	9,306	2,560	369	204	409	26	2,570	20,906
Turkeys.....	"	"	3,773	1,705	853	327	338	205	4,628	18,908
Ducks.....	"	"	501	4,673	239	276	78	24	209	7,219
Miscellaneous poultry.....	"	"	318	1,760	512	259	532	5	1,130	13,233
Unclassified poultry.....	"	"	17	584	515	2,423	39	118	901	5,199
<u><b>MEATS AND LARD 1/</b></u>										
Beef, frozen.....	3,122	9,062	15,972	15,791	2,339	401	7,739	2,201	9,352	65,979
Beef, in process of cure.....	4	1,914	5,537	2,964	138	40	402	38	151	11,188
Beef, cured.....	"	10	466	1,881	2,090	11	18	72	135	4,683
pork, frozen.....	"	"	4,933	14,437	39,450	44,989	6,762	4,330	5,864	6,046
pork, dry salt in process of cure.....	"	"	1,614	7,443	18,294	25,986	1,363	333	2,106	6,446
pork, dry salt cured.....	"	"	2,229	7,792	20,711	25,725	3,322	564	877	316
pork, pickled in process of cure.....	"	"	4,708	8,897	41,901	47,131	2,370	1,404	3,808	1,342
pork, pickled cured.....	"	"	1,450	2,310	29,837	27,428	755	653	1,225	1,682
Lamb and mutton, frozen.....	467	2,144	901	607	236	30	572	72	485	5,514
Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Lard.....	3,708	17,090	29,607	40,232	7,338	1,775	3,820	1,959	3,803	109,332
Rendered pork fat.....	949	26,519	30,319	20,677	2,877	362	1,302	2,102	3,582	88,689
	822	167	3,070	4,565	135	17	344	117	1,221	10,458

(8/12/1942)

1/ Includes FSCC, SMA, and relief holdings, as well as commercial stocks.

2/ Previously included with lard.

## OCCUPANCY OF AVAILABLE COLD STORAGE SPACE

## IN PUBLIC WAREHOUSES

United States

August 1, 1942, with comparisons

Date	Number concerns reporting	Available Space			Occupied Space		
		Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
- Thousand cubic feet -							
1942							
January 1.....	469	157,262	68,906	226,168	96,051	52,868	148,919
February 1.....	524	171,176	81,737	252,913	92,257	60,644	152,901
March 1.....	539	169,852	84,524	254,376	82,779	60,691	143,470
April 1.....	428	159,065	77,065	236,130	75,792	51,723	127,515
April 15.....	432	158,924	76,751	235,675	71,511	48,551	120,062
May 1.....	429	161,978	76,857	238,835	77,534	47,668	125,202
May 15.....	428	160,432	83,796	244,228	85,540	54,018	139,558
June 1.....	419	156,354	79,826	236,180	88,066	52,179	140,245
June 15.....	415	157,464	80,524	237,988	89,128	54,120	143,245
July 1.....	381	141,116	78,307	219,423	88,600	54,119	142,719
July 15.....	368	126,371	81,514	207,885	85,436	56,644	142,080
August 1.....	380	132,260	82,274	214,534	88,627	61,329	149,956

## PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

July 15 and August 1, 1942

Geographic Divisions	July 15, 1942			August 1, 1942				
	Number Concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Number Concerns	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
- Percent -								
New England..	13	64	70	67	13	66	77	72
Mid. Atlantic.	91	66	69	67	88	63	70	65
E.N. Central..	59	75	70	73	71	79	74	77
W.N. Central..	49	86	78	82	49	85	81	83
So. Atlantic..	39	57	78	63	38	54	80	61
E.S. Central..	12	67	85	72	10	96	92	94
W.S. Central..	23	83	84	84	27	80	83	81
Mountain.....	14	77	78	77	16	73	93	82
Pacific.....	68	37	47	41	68	37	68	50
UNITED STATES	368	63	69	65	380	63	75	68

1/ Result of weighting geographic division percentage figures by respective proportion of total U. S. available space in public cold storage warehouses.